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As for food selection, there no doubt would be various typical and delicious local cuisines from all over China, such as Cantonese dishes, Sichuan cuisines, Beijing cuisines, shanghai dishes, Hong Kong style instant noodles, wonton noodles, and bakery. Ethnical foods from other Asian countries are likely to be included as well, like Malaysian, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese restaurants, and all kinds of American fast food chains. A large numbers of local Chinese snacks are offered in a made-right-on-spot manner; soup dumplings, steamed buns, fried bread sticks, tiny sponge cakes, peanut brittles, toffee hawthorns, stinky tofu, tofu puddings, freshly squeezed juices, bubble tea are all on the list.

In addition to foods and beverages, there are many booths providing a wide range of services and gift; they're little toys, Chinese herbs, food massage, watch repair, astrology, fen shui, Chinese calligraphy, portrait painting, embroidery, porcelain and crystal sculpture, Chinese literature and newspapers, etc. Besides that, shops on the pedestrian street are abundant with multi-cultures and for full purpose, including banks, supermarkets, jewelry stores, specialty stores of luxury brands (like Louis Vuitton), women's qipao shops, optical supplies, one-dollar stores, snacks shops, stationeries, nail salons, body fitness, liquor stores, post offices, hardware stores, and foreign exchange services. In a word, all stores are here to cooperate and profit together.

Moreover, higher floors of those buildings on the pedestrian street are for both residential and commercial uses. As for the commercial function, that can be also divided into general as well as professional categories. Regarding professional ones, health care and medical services are of one major type. Law services concerned with immigration, contracting, marriage and divorce, real estate development, criminal and civil cases are also included. Apart from those addressed above, finance services comprised of mortgage, stocks, fund investing, property insurance, and transportation are the third group. And still general business covers importing and exporting, advertisement, aircrafts, bus tours, travel agents, real estate brokers, job training programs, computer soft wares, fitness centers, accounting, and so on.

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If the Pedestrian Street Project would Be Successfully Realized, Granny Liu Could Enjoy Herself on Mott Pedestrian Street

Granny Liu is a kind, positive and healthy elder woman. Back in early days, she co-ran the business with her husband, and now has retired and fully enjoys a relaxing family life in Long Island. It's been a long while since last time when she visited Chinatown in Manhattan. Recently her son, David Liu heard of the Mott Pedestrian Street has had its grand opening and became a great spot for shopping and food savoring. He hence decided to hold a family dinner there. With everybody's respectively different weekend schedule, they finally settled they would meet altogether around 5pm in Chinatown of Manhattan.

So on a bright Sunday in May, David, 50, drove Granny Liu, 75 and her granddaughter Lisa, 18 to Chinatown for a nice and convenient sightseeing. When they firstly got off the car, they took a picture under the arch of traditional Chinese genre that's newly made of stainless steel and also with shimmeringly engraved wording as "WELCOME TO CHINATOWN." Because solid material and easy maintenance, the arch would be free from special care for the rest 10 or 20 years. While finishing the photo shot, David informed Granny Liu and Lisa the whole family would gather around and then have dinner together in a restaurant at 5:15 sharp and he left for his own thing.

Finally David got a free parking space on Worth Street close to Center Street and suddenly got caught in a teenage basketball game in Broome Park where he recalled he ever actively played the basketball as well. He kept on walking toward the pavilion in the park and started to enjoy the Chinese opera performance out there. Though not professional, those performers did a spectacular job and they also had great fun. Besides, many people happily played chess and poker when some other sat at a few fortune-telling booths asking to see if there's any good luck to come up soon.

Granny Liu and Lisa on other hand began to stroll down the Mott Pedestrian Street from that very corner on Canal Street. Surprise to see the huge transformation of Chinatown, granny Liu was especially impressed by the clean and pleasant design of the street scenes, innovatively and in contrast decorated in green, red and blue shades. Chinatown as if washed out its notorious images as messy and dirty streets particularly with a bad smells as always.

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On sidewalks, stood lots of high-end retailing booths orderly in a stainless steel frame and transparent glass window in the front, and they looked exactly like those fanciful stores on Fifth Avenue in midtown when it came to elegant and enticing interior designs of all those new shops on the Mott Pedestrian Street. As for the work crews in over 100 shops there, they're all dressed in their own uniforms to create a professional, well-mannered and presentable image. Granny Liu was very amazed to witness the good outcomes from hardship of the Chinese immigration communities; they learned from tremendous successful experiences worldwide and consolidate them into making their own case that seemingly emerged to shine. The prices of goods and services provided on the pedestrian street were more affordable and reasonable compared with the ones in shopping malls in the United States and Europe. All kinds of tasty local Chinese cuisines and snacks were ready to freshly make and serve right away. And the servants and business owners in every booth or shop were polite and friendly even on their hectic schedule.

When passing the booth of fried bread stick and grilled sweet potatoes, granny Liu and Lisa especially found them gain a great appetite for foods. However pondering they're about to have a huge dinner, they switched to some booths selling interesting Chinese artwork. Standing by the paper-cutting booth, granny Liu remembered she used to be really good at that delicate art thing. She suddenly felt an urge to join the sales girl cutting some pretty silhouettes together and they apparently had a blast. Later they proceeded to the massage booth to receive a heaven-like relaxation of foot massage and felt refreshed afterwards. Lisa and she were also quite attracted to dough figurine, dragon's bread candy, and portrait drawing while continuing to walk along the street. They firstly bought a small pack of dragon's beard candy, then sort of got their art souvenirs and were greatly contented at the end of their tour.

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After noticing it's already 5:05pm, granny Liu and Lisa walked to meet the rest of family members at Duck House for dinner. After a brief wait, everyone arrived and they ordered their dinner banquet. Starting with the appetizer, cold clear noodle with shredded chicken breast and vegetables. Then the main course was Beijing roasted duck, crispy and not too greasy for them to taste its real flavor in company with Chinese garlic and duck sauce. Duck soup, beef with Broccoli, and eggplants with garlic sauce were ordered as well to garnish Liu's family's merry dinnertime. It's a wonderful meal and the service, foods and ambience in the restaurant were just all fabulous. They grabbed Chinese ice creams on the way to the parking lot and called it a night.

Comparison Chart of The Mott Pedestrian Street and Other Famous Pedestrian Streets

Goods and Services	Mott	Mulberry	Wangfujing	Nanjing	Guangquin
Restaurants and Food Courts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beverages and Bakery	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pizza, Ice cream and Freshly Squeezed Juices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gifts and Accessories	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seating Areas and Booths on Sidewalks	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
McDonald's, KFC and Starbucks	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Ethnic Cuisines and Snacks	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Stainless Steel Booths	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
High-End Store Decorations	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Clothing Shops, Street Art and Culture Inspiration	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Chinese Herbs and Health Care	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacies and Health Care	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Banking, Finance and Mortgage	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Stock, Insurance, and Futures	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

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Medical Services	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Law-related Services	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Language Learning and Job Centers	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Gold, Diamonds, And Jewelry	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Newspapers, Magazines, Books and Stationeries	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Made-Right-On-Spot Snacks	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Beauty, Fitness, and Haircut	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Luxury Brand Specialty Stores	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Travel and Transportation	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
The Immigration Associations and Clubs	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
One-dollar Stores and Discount Stores	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Real Estate Development and Architecture Firms	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Supermarkets and 7-11 Conveniences Stores	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Embroidery, Sculpture and Chinese Calligraphy	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Large Palace	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Security Guard Services	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Office Buildings and all Types of Commercial Services	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Bus Tour around the Pedestrian Street	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Sporting and Fitness Goods	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Open for 365 days All Year Round	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓

So base on the above comparison, regarding the goods and services provided, the Mott Pedestrian Street includes the widest and most thorough range. Mulberry Pedestrian Street not only opens merely weekends from spring through fall but also limits to sell Italian foods and beverages. However it has still drawn many tourists and shoppers to come visit. The Mott Pedestrian Street are organized to perfectly offers nearly all goods and services of Oriental and Western features that Mulberry Street

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most likely doesn't possess; that is why it would be expected to generate further more crowds and profits than Mulberry.

Once again many thanks to all for supporting and showing enthusiasm for the Mott Pedestrian Street Project. We should have no hesitation to work it out together. In order to dissolve the uncertainty, please try to look to and feel the experiences of those already famous pedestrian streets worldwide, Mulberry, Wanfujing, Nanjing, and Guangquin Streets.

The Arch in Chinatown: The Iconic Landmark As Well As A Reminder to Pay Respect to The Ancestors

The Arch in Chinatown – (A landmark, a gate in front, and a distribution center.)

In the early 20th century, there're people starting to talk about building up the arches in Chinatown.

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Especially during the latest 50 years, the leaders of overseas Chinese and Chinese immigrants have come out different arch projects when the communities were under construction once every other year. Those plans were aimed to pay respect to those ancestors who came all the way about 200 years ago to settle in downtown Manhattan and worked really hard to establish the so-called Chinatown regardless of racial discrimination, career limits and language deficiency. Nowadays the new generation of Chinese has taken an important role in American society and economy system. Overall speaking, our lifestyle then has been hugely improved and proud of.

But it's really a pity every since then, the Chinese arch has not been yet developed in contrast to those magnificent arches built in the Chinatowns of some big cities in the Unites states and worldwide. Take the arch in Chinatown in Yokohama, a mid-size city in Japan. It stands still there and shines its glory to welcome people from all over the world. Speaking that Chinatown in New York has been well famous and it's absolutely the right time for all us to unite, to brainstorm, and to devote to give birth to the arch project. It represents the new era of progress and renovation together with sincerity for visitors in many ways.

As for the design itself, a lot of high-tech materials will be incorporated into making a sleek and spectacular image with traditional aesthetics showcased beautifully in Chinatown. Those strong metal or new alloy materials are the same as what skyscrapers use, and they prevent the arch to be free of color fading and weather storming. A skeleton frame of vertical steel column and horizontal I-beams would be applied, too. With solid construction work, the arch would stay firm and as if new all the time.

My design draft of the arch would be only for reference, hoping to inspire more refined and extraordinary designs coming forward. Then trough a series of discussion and revision, the design could be finally set. It is however never easy to reach an agreement among the Chinese communities regarding the arch. There are so many questions need to sort out, such as location, design and silhouette, the way of fund-raising, the authority concerned appointed, construction work and companies, too many opinions, etc. It indeed has a long way to go before the final conclusion.

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If we perhaps think of building more than one arch in old and new hit areas in Chinatown, it would more soften the arguments mentioned above. Let's say we have 2 huge ones in the new core areas of Chinatown and the rest 10 could be set up in those traditional spots which ever used to serve as a distribution centers. In this way those arches construction would both please the old and new generations of Chinese immigrants and also leave them more space to gather the spirits of their own. No matter what size those arches are going to be, they have 2 facets of designs in front and back with a solid construction and in bright color hues. There are 4 posts to help each arch to stand still. Also with protection frame for each post, that would avoid as many damages as possible from car accidents. A few other important design details of the arch would be about time and temperature reading in digital as well as the welcome lightening captioned in WELCOME TO CHINATOWN in Mandarin or in English (preferred). And we'd go for some architects and designers who are passionate about Chinatown and they would love to contribute more to the whole project. To top it off, we got to make sure all the application and communication with the government actually work out. If things do go smooth as expected, all 12 arches in Chinatown can be well finished within a year.

Speaking of fund raising, it would be anything donated from everywhere like the immigration associations, corporations and companies, all the government authorities in the Unites states, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and some other Asian countries, and even individuals. Any donation would start from \$10,000. And if any donates over \$10,000, their names are going to be emblazoned on the arch in memory of their great assistance. Hopefully, while more and more funds keep on being brought in, the construction of arches would be continuing and possibly done sooner.

In fact, arches in Chinatown serve multi-functions for us Chinese and the tourists. For example, if someone tries to ask for direction in Chinatown, it will be much easier to point out the arch on the corner of Bowery and Perry Streets and tell the person he or she is right located in the center of Chinatown. Since the Chinese immigration rush kicked off, we Chinese people have gradually taken over the areas where Italians, Jewish, and Irish people ever dwelled. And the center of Chinatown of the earlier time around Mott and Bayard Streets are no longer the most vigorous.

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About 30 years ago, Chinatown was located among Bowery, Worth, Mulberry, and Canal Streets; it approximately took one person 15 minutes to walk around the bolder line. And now the region of Chinatown extended to reach Worth Street on the south end, Madison Street on the east end, Center Street on the west end, and Broome Street on the north end. It takes roughly 45 minutes now to circle around the Chinatown on foot. However for the latest 3 years, as the rent has gone far higher than ever in Chinatown, it somehow caused delay of its territory expansion.

In 2008, there came the subprime mortgage crisis over the United States that vastly brought about the sinking of the housing market and then it even evolved into a global financial chaos. But oddly Manhattan wasn't that much affected and the rent still stayed at a high price range. Since then, while new immigrants move to American, if considering a better quality of life, they tend to choose to live in Queens and Brooklyn where they could save big bucks and afford many life necessities. How funny the phenomenon is was just like how Italian immigrants or descents moved out from Little Italy; we're expecting a lot more loss of Chinese immigrants in Chinatown the following 20 years by 30%.

The arch is also one of valuable Chinese traditions. All over the world, as long as there are Chinese gathering, there would be arches standing in Chinatowns of the major cities, such as Yokohama in Japan, London in UK. There are far more cities in America where Chinatowns located with arches as a welcome sign and a symbolic indication of Chinese culture. Only Chinatown in New York hasn't got any even though many proposals and projects have been mentioned and discussed for the past 50 years.

To further analyze the reasons for why Chinatown in New York couldn't have constructed any arch earlier; there are various reasons that matter. First, too many opinions hardly come to a real conclusion. Second, there is no reliable committee to handle the whole things in an organized and ambitious logic. Third, the financial resources never seem to be confirmed and secure. Fourth, even the primary design drafts are also difficult to reach a basic agreement.

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There were ever some immigration associations that ever showed interested in leading the arch project and stressed they'd do everything in their power to make it. Things just fell through due to diverse viewpoints among the Chinese people and the communities. If everyone puts aside fame and fortune pursuit and further cooperate together, the arches in New York's Chinatown could be anticipated to happen soon.

12 Arches Stand Still, Taking up both New and Old Chinatown Centers

According to my proposal, among 12 arches, there are 2 more giant ones and 10 smaller ones. The 1st one would be built n Bowery Street between Canal and Bayard Streets; that was currently the main street in Chinatown, starting in the traditional distribution center and extending to newly developed area. The 2nd one would be on Allen Street between Canal Street and East Broadway. Allen Street is famous as "Immigration Avenue," where a huge number of immigrants from Fujian actively living and working. The 10 smaller arches would sit at the corner areas between a few major streets.

About designs and materials of the arches, that would probably follow the rule of being simple, practical, and of traditional Chinese characteristics so as to be outstanding. They are all with time and temperature reading equipment. The construction work is required to be accurate in order to avoid collapse or damage anytime. The materials are selectively high-tech metal or new alloy. With color- or heat-resistance surface, the materials are able to help stop arches from being oftentimes ruined or color faded. Ideally, each arch body is produced in the factory and then set up in the piqued location with the basic construction is already done there. Presumably, the design fee is around \$100,000 to \$200,000. The construction fee is probably \$250,000 to \$300,000 for the smaller one and \$1,200,000 to 1,500,000 for the giant one. Total budget would run about \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. All the funds gathered need to be saved into a separate bank account exclusively used for the arch project, and fairly and strictly supervised by a group made of social elites. Moreover, timetable should be exactly scheduled to prevent ineffective practice of the project.

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The Organization of the Arch Committee

The members of the committee include 48 people in total, and among them, 11 are of the executive committee. Also from those 11, 1 is elected as chairman while 2 others would be vice-chairmen. The chairman is the leader of the committee, in charge of everything regarding the arch development; 2 vice-chairmen mainly assist chairman to guide the committee and together to supervise the rest 8 members of executive committee who carry different job descriptions, like coordinating the government, managing the financial status, contacting vendors, related professional groups, communicating with designers, assuring the sources of fund raising, etc.

With regard to the fund raising, there are some regulations to mention here. For people who donate under \$9,900, they would have their names printed twice in the key newspapers. The first time is right after the 1st arch is finished, and the 2nd time takes place when all the 12 arches are completed. And whoever donates over \$10,000 can have his or her name engraved on the post of the arch. The sizes of names however vary depending on sums of the money received from person to person. For instance, people who donate between \$10,000 to 99,000 probably get names of a small size. Mid-size will be for those who contribute \$100,000 to \$249,000 while large size is for ones who give \$250,000 to 500,000. Still some others who donate \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 can have an opportunity to own name engravings of no doubt an extra large size. No one or no firm is allowed to donate money over \$1,000,000 since this is a proposal supposed to belong to everyone and look to everyone's participation.

Because of the heavy traffic in Chinatown, the arches wouldn't be able to be repaired or maintained on a too intensified frequency. So it's crucial to settle down the details of the arch construction, inclusive of material selection, design concept, protection framework so as to make sure that they should well sustain for long at least up to 10 or 20 years. Some slight leaning and maintenance jobs hence could be applied only once in a while.